#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : CONDUCTIVE ELECTROLESSLY PLATED POWDER AND

METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

### Mail Stop RCE

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

## AND

# NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2009, and following the filing of the Notice of Appeal on September 16, 2009, applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) about the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for five (5) months to April 16, 2010, thereby maintaining copendency to file an RCE.

No extension of time has been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$2,350.00 for an extension of five months pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

The \$2,350.00 fee for the extension of time and the \$810.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for filing the RCE are

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authorized to be paid as stated in the accompanying RCE Transmittal Letter.

If any fees are required to maintain this application in pending status for the purpose of filing the RCE, the USPTO is authorized to charge these amounts to our Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0092/012001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 16, 2010

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